THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P. No. 24407 of 2005

Oral order:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-APSRTC.

The petitioner is a Driver with the respondents. On the alleged ground that he misbehaved with the contract conductor, respondent No.2-Depot Manager, Nuzvil, vide order dated 05.11.2005, pending enquiry into the charges, placed the petitioner under suspension. It is this order, which the petitioner has called in question in this writ petition.

The grievance of the petitioner is that respondent No.2 passed the impugned order on the complaint made by another Conductor, who in fact, misbehaved with his daughter and against whom, he had lodged a complaint with the respondents.

Denying the allegations, the respondents filed counter. The learned Standing Counsel reiterating the counter averments submitted that as the allegations leveled against the petitioner in the complaint were detrimental to his continuance, he was placed under suspension, pending enquiry into the charges. After considering the explanation submitted by the petitioner, a domestic enquiry was ordered, which is in progress.

Inasmuch as the enquiry initiated against the petitioner into the charges leveled against him is in progress, it is not proper for this Court to interfere with the impugned order. However, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions:

The respondents are directed to complete the enquiry initiated against the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 28th March, 2006.

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